

AGE OF APOCALYPSE



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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED...
NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS BATTLEWORLD!

A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF FRAGMENTS FROM WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM. EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF, BUT NONE IS RULED MORE RUTHLESSLY THAN THE REALM OF EN SABAN NUR, APOCALYPSE.



CYCLOPS SCOTT SUMMERS

CAPACITIES: Generates beams of concussive force from eyes.

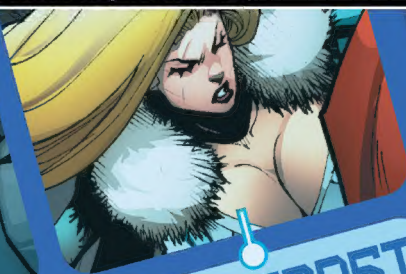
PROFILE: Favored son of Essex and leader of Apocalypse's Elite Mutant Force. The genetic and moral key to the future. All he has to do is find the door.



HAVOK ALEXANDER SUMMERS

CAPACITIES: Transforms cosmic energy into plasma emanation.

PROFILE: Deputy of the EMF, he is bitter and jealous, thinking power is an entitlement. His desperation for validation makes him very dangerous.



EMMA FROST FORMERLY MARVEL GIRL

CAPACITIES: Telepath

PROFILE: One of Magneto's original X-Men, Frost has the most powerful mind in the world, but only because contestant #1 was killed twenty years ago and #2 has been de-powered... for now.

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SAM?

SOMETHIN'S
WRONG...MAH
POWERS...

THE HUMAN COMMUNAL VILLAGE.

A.K.A. THE FLATSCAN GHETTO.

...AH CAN'T
CONTROL--

CANNONBALL BECOMES
THE FIRST VICTIM OF THE
LEGACY VIRUS THAT WAS
RELEASED BY APOCALYPSE.

IN THE RABID MIND OF
EN SABAH NUR, IF HE IS THE
LAST MUTANT LEFT STANDING,
THEN HE WILL HAVE PROVEN
HIMSELF THE **BEST**.

AND HIS **LEGACY** WILL
STAND ON THE ASHES
OF CHARRED BODIES AND
A RAVAGED LANDSCAPE.

MY NAME IS
DOUG RAMSEY.

MY MUTANT POWER
IS TO **INTERPRET** AND
UNDERSTAND ALL LANGUAGE
ON AN **EMOTIONAL** LEVEL.
AND RIGHT NOW--

A large, blue-skinned, four-armed figure with a crown-like headpiece is shown from the waist up, firing a powerful blue energy beam from his right hand. The beam is bright and explosive, hitting a target off-panel. The background shows a cityscape with smoke and debris.

APOCALYPSE!
IF YOU'VE JUST
CONDEMNED US ALL TO
DIE, YOU ARE GOING
FIRST!

--I FEEL THE *WEAKNESS*
IN *MAGNETO'S* WORDS
AND THE *TREMOR* IN
HIS BODY--

A character with a red mask and a red cape is shown from the waist up, manipulating a blue, crackling electromagnetic field with his hands. The field is intense and glowing. The character has a determined expression. The background is a dark, industrial setting with sparks and smoke.

--AS HE MANIPULATES THE
ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD
AROUND HIMSELF.

IMBECILE!

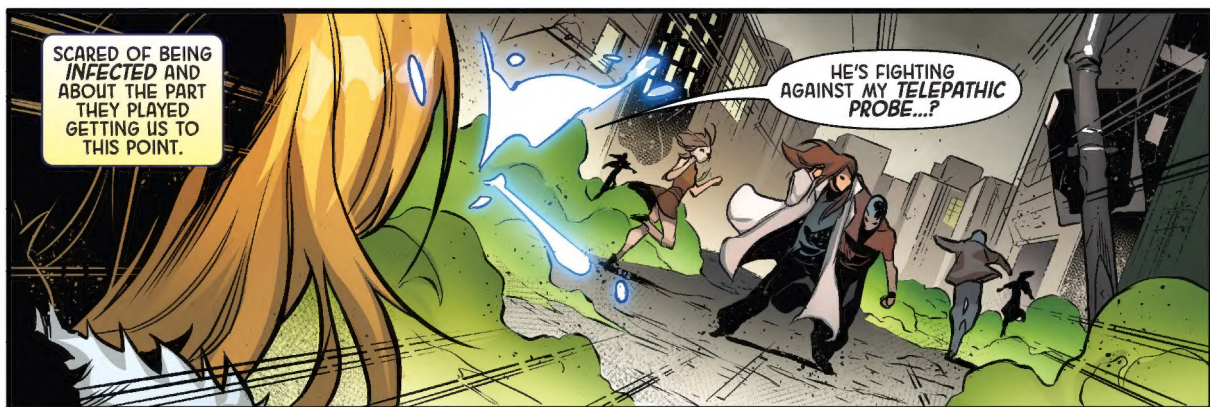
A large, close-up panel showing Apocalypse on the left, looking intense with his mouth open as if shouting. Erik is on the right, looking back at him with a determined expression. In the background, two other characters are visible: one in a green and pink outfit and another in a green and yellow outfit, both appearing to be in motion. The scene is set in a city street with debris and smoke.

ESSEX? HOW
CAN YOU STILL BE
FIGHTING FOR EN
SABAH NUR?

IT'S A
MIRACLE YOU
SURVIVED THIS
LONG, ERIK.

IF SAMUEL
GUTHRIE'S DEATH
IS ANY INDICATION,
THE VIRUS ATTACKS
US *THROUGH*
OUR *MUTANT*
ABILITIES.

USE YOUR
POWERS TO FIGHT
APOCALYPSE AND YOU
JEOPARDIZE NOT ONLY
YOUR *OWN* LIFE, BUT
ALL OF THOSE
AROUND YOU.





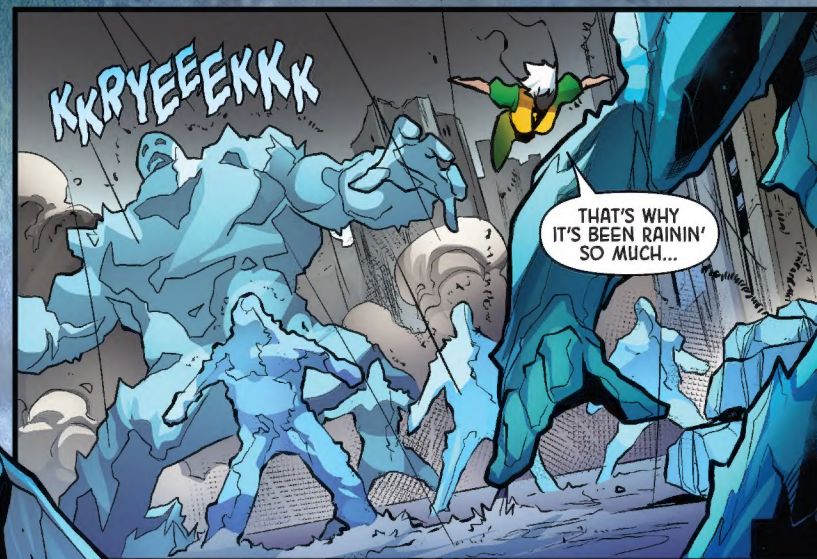
THERE IS NO CURE!

THERE IS ONLY LIFE OR DEATH!

SHOW ME HERE AND NOW THAT YOU CAN SURVIVE THIS PLAGUE--



--AND I--



KKRYEEKKK

THAT'S WHY IT'S BEEN RAININ' SO MUCH...



SO WHY IS IT THAT EVERY TIME I GO AWAY, THINGS SEEM TO HEAT UP?

ROBERT-- DO NOT DROP THE CRYOGENIC FIELD.

AND WHILE YOU'RE INSIDE MY MIND, IT WOULDN'T KILL YOU TO SAY, "GLAD YOU DIDN'T DIE WHEN HOLOCAUST BLEW UP THE SAVAGE LAND."

IF ICEMAN SHOULD FAIL-- THEN WE ALL DIE!

WELL, EMMA, WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...





THIS
LABORATORY WAS
MY CRADLE.

MY
PRISON.

IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN MY
GRAVE...

...IF THE FIRE
ALARMS HADN'T BEEN
TRIGGERED WHEN MY
POWERS FIRST
MANIFESTED.



YOU WERE
THE MUTANT WHO
ESCAPED FROM US
YEARS AGO?

YEAH...I
WOULDN'T CALL
IT MUCH OF AN
"ESCAPE."

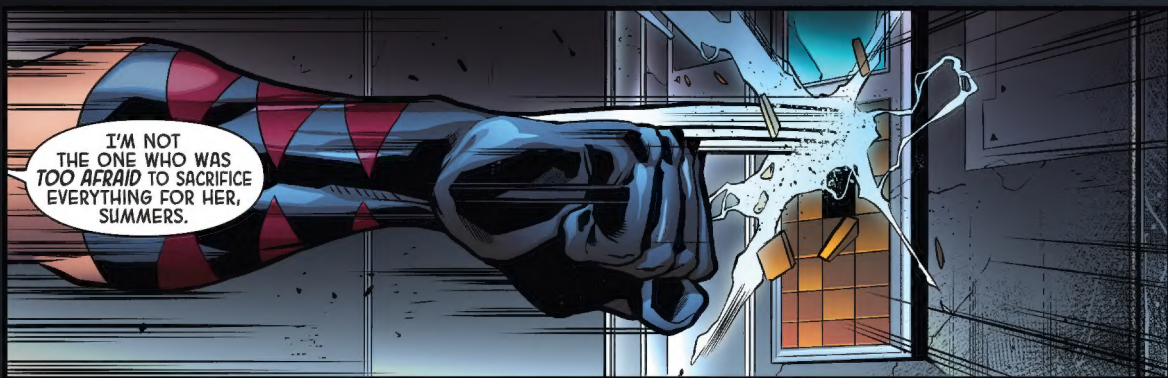
NO TIME
FOR THIS. I
CAUGHT *HER*
SCENT.



HER SCENT?
LOGAN, YOU HAVEN'T
SEEN *JEAN GREY* IN
FIVE YEARS!

AN' I'LL BE
ABLE TO TRACK HER
IN FIVE *HUNDRED*,
TOO.

AND
NOW YOU'LL SAY
IT'S BECAUSE YOU
LOVED HER
MORE?



I'M NOT
THE ONE WHO WAS
TOO AFRAID TO SACRIFICE
EVERYTHING FOR HER,
SUMMERS.



THIS
CORRIDOR
SHOULDN'T
BE HERE.



MCCOY DOESN'T HAVE THE **GUTS** TO HIDE SOMETHING LIKE THIS FROM ESSEX...

HER SCENT IS STRONGER NOW.

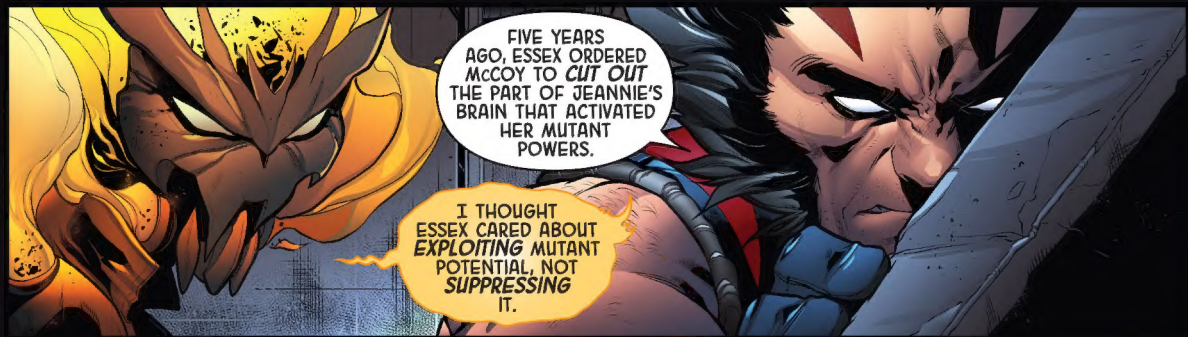


SHE WAS HERE.

THIS HAS TO BE THE WORK OF DARK BEAST'S ASSISTANT... HIS NAME IS **JAMES BRADLEY**...

ON MCCOY'S ORDERS, OR ON HIS OWN?

I... I DON'T KNOW.



FIVE YEARS AGO, ESSEX ORDERED MCCOY TO **CUT OUT** THE PART OF JEANNIE'S BRAIN THAT ACTIVATED HER MUTANT POWERS.

I THOUGHT ESSEX CARED ABOUT **EXPLOITING** MUTANT POTENTIAL, NOT **SUPPRESSING** IT.

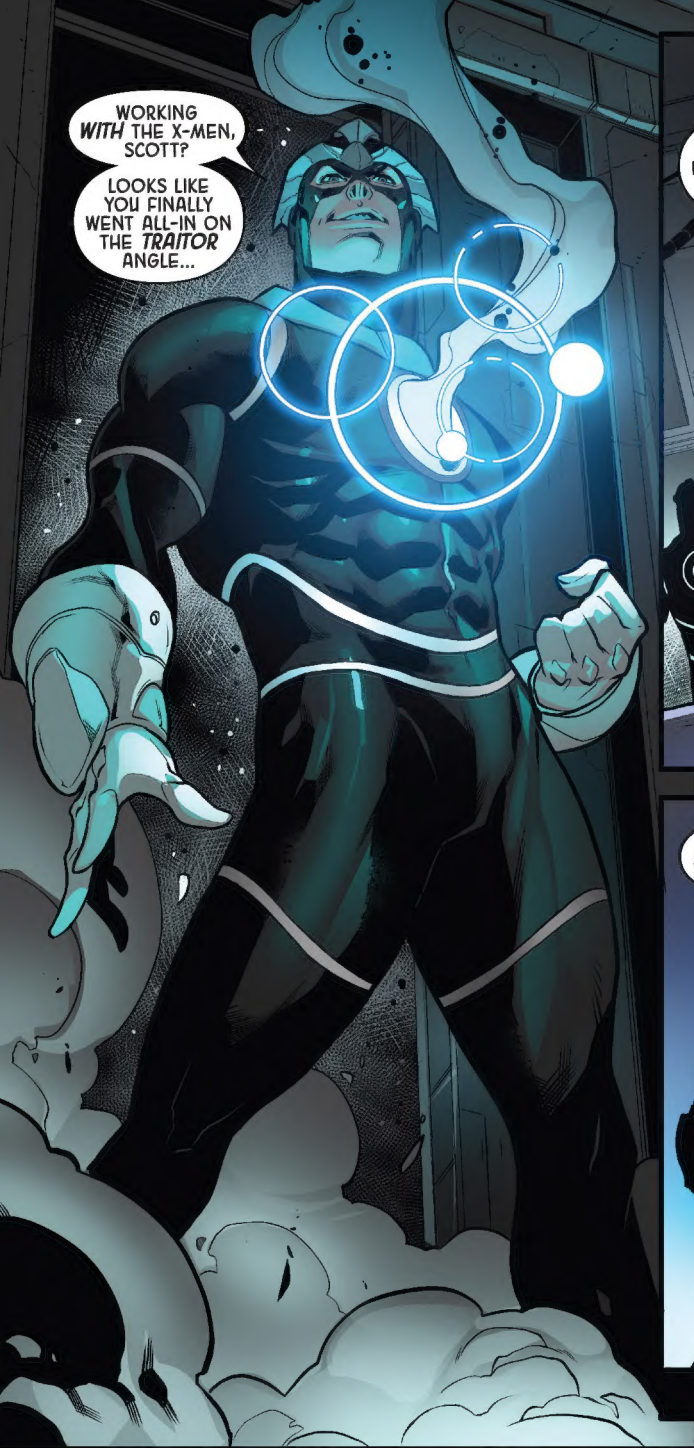


SHE WAS TOO POWERFUL, EVEN FOR HIS CURIOSITY--

→SNFF SNFF←



FWA-CHOW



WORKING
WITH THE X-MEN,
SCOTT?

LOOKS LIKE
YOU FINALLY
WENT ALL-IN ON
THE **TRAITOR**
ANGLE...



ALEX! YOU
WERE INJURED! YOU
DON'T KNOW WHAT'S
GOING ON OUT
THERE.

APOCALYPSE
RELEASED A VIRUS
THAT'S **LETHAL** TO
MUTANTS!

HNNGH

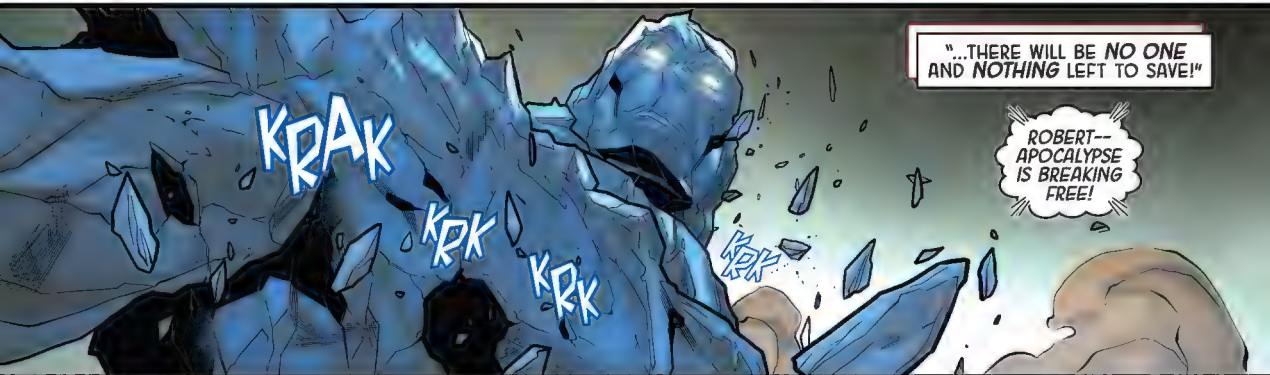
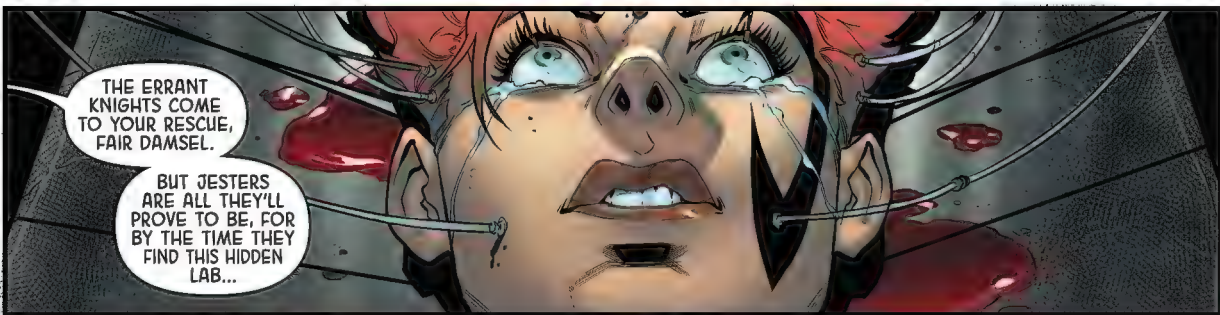
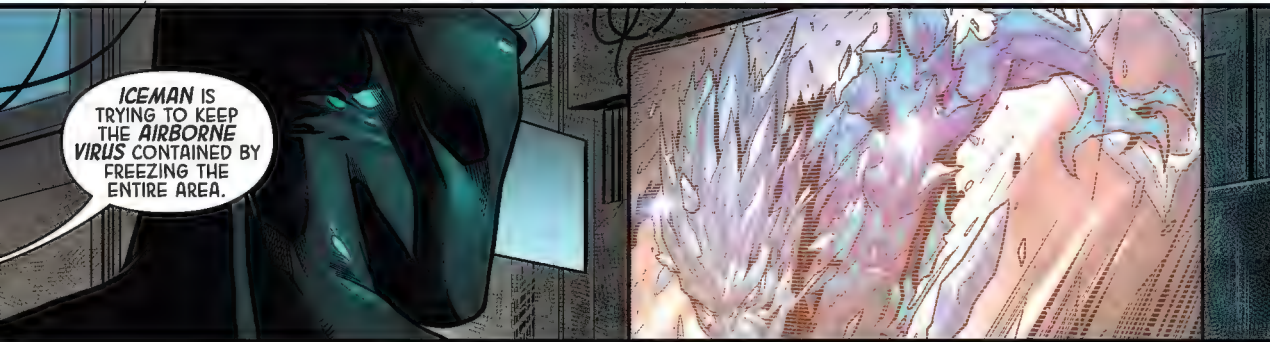


DON'T
MOVE ANOTHER
INCH!

SURE, HAVOK...
EXCEPT I GOT THE
FEELING YOUR **PLASMA**
BLASTS AREN'T GOING
TO WORK ON
ME...



TURN
ON THE SECURITY
FEED FROM THE FLATSCAN
GHETTO. SEE FOR
YOURSELF.







FOR EN SABAH NUR,
THAT MEANS LOSING
CONTROL OVER HIS
CELLULAR COHESION.

IF I
AM NOT TO
SURVIVE...

PLP
PLP



...THEN
NEITHER SHALL
ANY OF
YOU!

PHWOOOM

BUT IF
APOCALYPSE
FALLS APART...



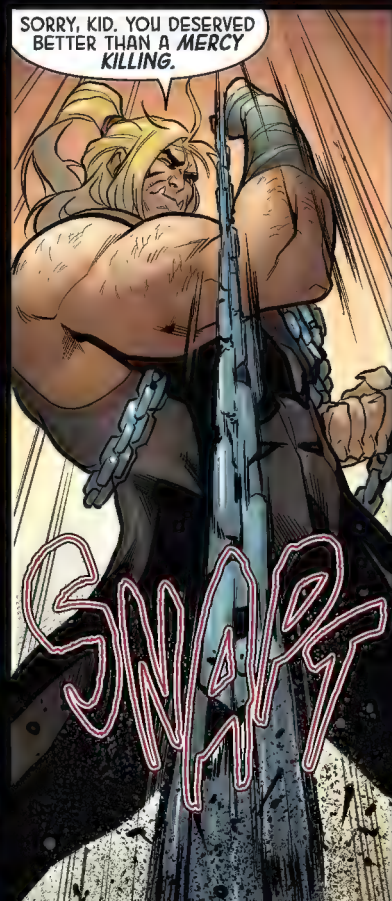
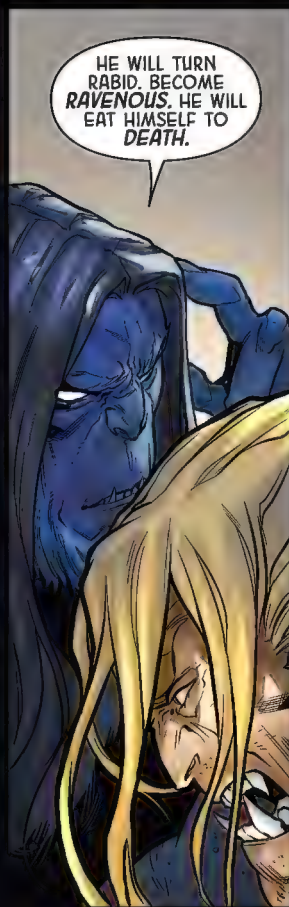
...WHAT HAPPENS
TO EVERYTHING
HE BUILT?

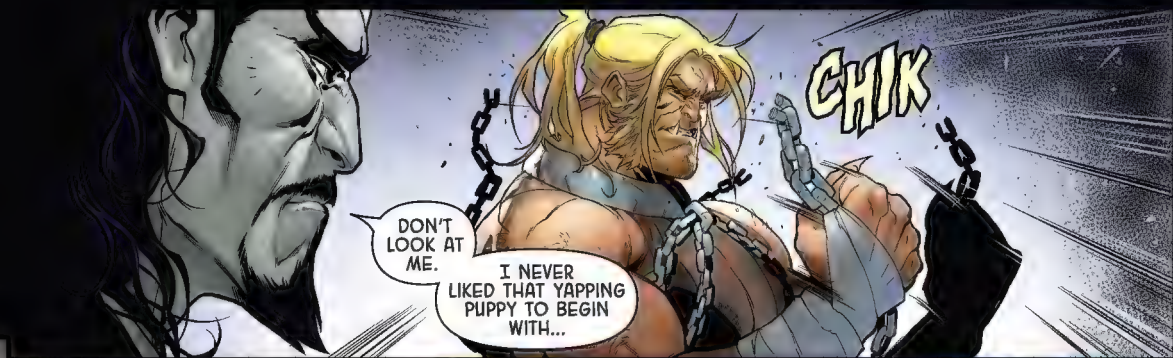
ESSEX!
CREED!

WE HAVE TO
WORK TOGETHER
AND STOP THE SPREAD
OF THIS VIRUS BEFORE
IT KILLS US ALL!

NNHH
GRRRRR

NOT NOW,
KID...





FOR THE HORSEMEN, A LIFETIME OF MORAL INDIFFERENCE AND UGLY CHOICES...

...IRONICALLY BOILS DOWN TO THE TEACHINGS OF THEIR *MASTER*:

DO *WHATEVER* IT TAKES TO *SURVIVE*!



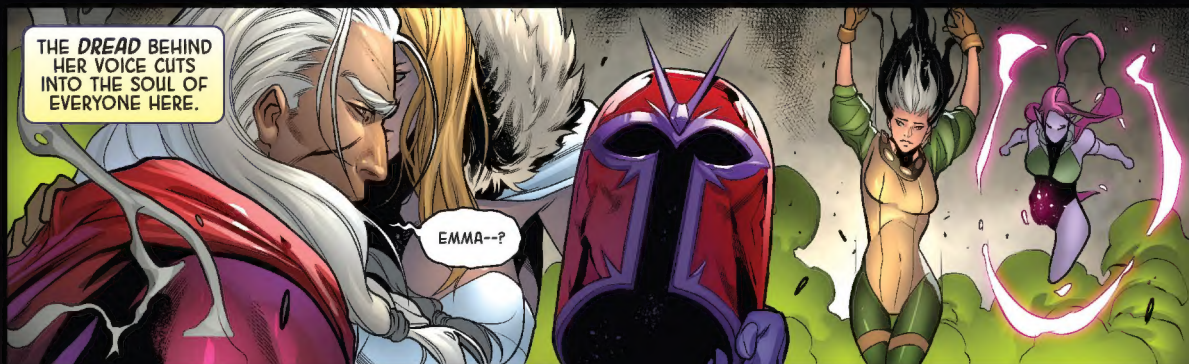


EN SABAH NUR DIES. THE MAN
RUMORED TO BE **THOUSANDS**
OF YEARS OLD JUST...**DIES.**

IT'S LIKE WATCHING A
REDWOOD FALL OR A
MOUNTAIN CRUMBLE IN
FRONT OF YOUR EYES.

EVERYONE IS
SILENT, UNTIL...

ERIK!



THE DREAD BEHIND HER VOICE CUTS INTO THE SOUL OF EVERYONE HERE.

EMMA--?



HE SURVIVED HIS OWN NIGHTMARES TO FIGHT FOR HIS FRIEND'S DREAM.

A DREAM WHERE HUMANS AND MUTANTS COULD COEXIST IN PEACE.

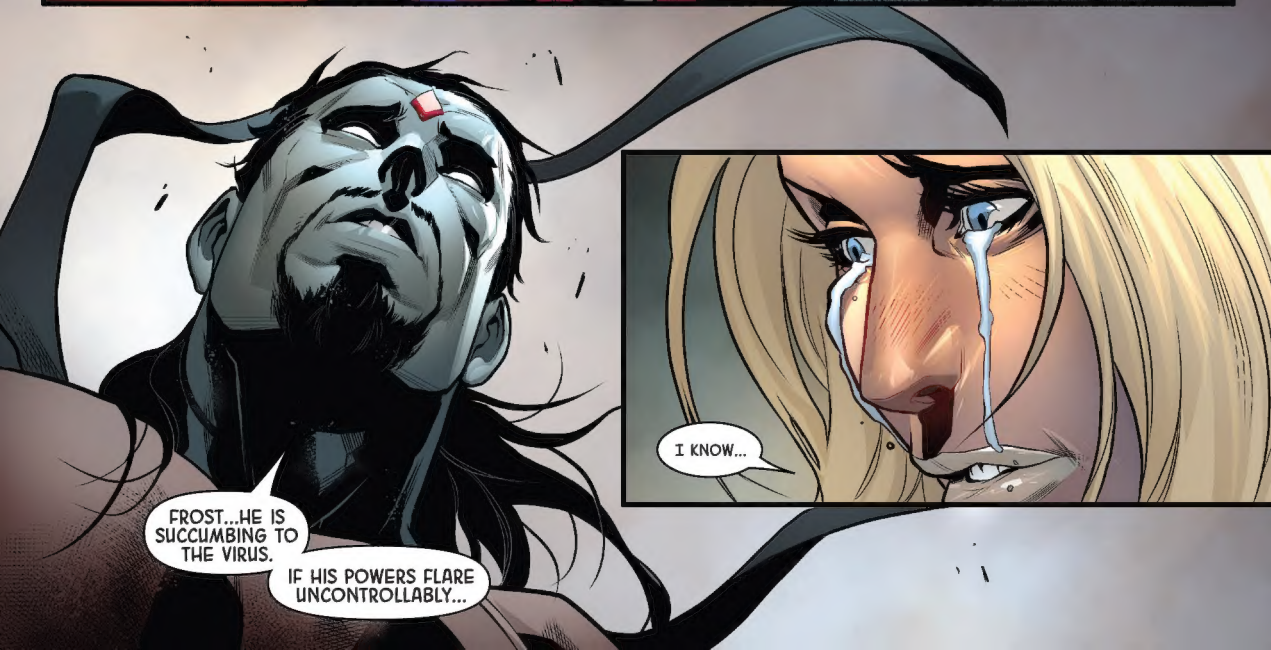
IF THE DEATH OF APOCALYPSE CREATES A SEISMIC SHIFT IN THE FOUNDATION OF HOW WE LIVE...



...WHAT WILL THE DEATH OF MAGNETO MEAN FOR OUR SOULS...?

ERIK...

EMMA... YOU BROUGHT ME PEACE...OF MIND...YOU...



FROST...HE IS SUCCUMBING TO THE VIRUS.

IF HIS POWERS FLARE UNCONTROLLABLY...

I KNOW...



WAIT,
WHAT--YOU'RE
SAYIN'...

IF MAGNETO
DIES FROM THE VIRUS,
THE *DETONATION* OF HIS
POWERS WOULD *SHRED* THE
ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD
ACROSS THE ENTIRE
PLANET.



HE MUST
BE...*EUTHANIZED*...
BEFORE THE VIRUS
CONSUMES HIM.

EMMA...
I CAN DO
IT...

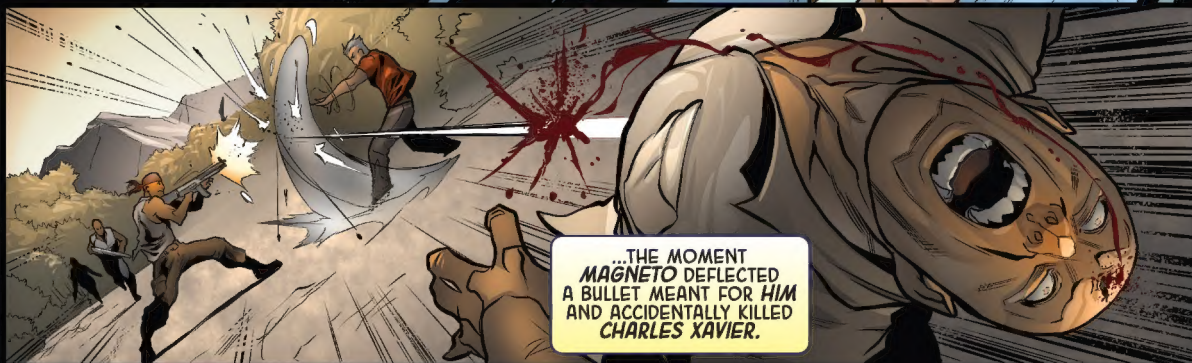
NO,
VICTOR.



NO.

I'LL DO IT...

SHE REACHES INTO
HIS MIND AND FINDS
THE WORST MOMENT
OF HIS LIFE...



...THE MOMENT
MAGNETO DEFLECTED
A BULLET MEANT FOR *HIM*
AND ACCIDENTALLY KILLED
CHARLES XAVIER.



...AND SHE TURNS
IT INTO A MEMORY
FILLED WITH *HOPE*.

MAGNETO
DIES IN A WAY
HE WAS NEVER
ABLE TO LIVE...

A MAN AT
PEACE WITH
HIMSELF.



CORBEAU...



"--DOCTOR NEMESIS!"

"IN TRYING TO STOP THIS
PLAGUE, WE HAVE SENT OUR FRIENDS
INTO THE CLUTCHES OF THE *MADMAN*
RESPONSIBLE FOR IT!"



next

ONE MUTATED MANIAC + 200 POWERS =
BIG TROUBLE FOR THE X-MEN
(OR WHAT'S LEFT OF THEM!)